



**NORTH STATE TOGETHER**  
Advisory Board Meeting

April 20, 2020  
10:00 am  
Zoom Conference Call

**MINUTES**

<b>Advisory Board Members Present</b>					
X	Kevin O'Rorke/NST	X	Hope Seth/RHS		Marian Hall/AMY
X	James Crandall/NST		Rob Adams/RHS	X	Tanja Ramming/AMY
X	Jamie Spielmann/NST		Kate Grissom/EMT	X	Kelly Salter/TMF
X	Susan Schroth/NST	X	Kathy Garcia/EMT	X	Lianne Richelieu-Boren/CO
	Sara Supahan/TTCCP		Kermith Walters/C2C4S		Kate Mahar/North/Far North Regional Coordinator for Guided Pathways at CCC
X	Anna Carson/TTCCP	X	Marian Murphy-Shaw/C2C4S	X	Jason Schwenkler/CSU Chico
X	Teckla Johnson/TTCCP	X	Christina Van Alfen/C2C4S		

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Kevin O'Rorke at 10:00 am.
  
- 2) **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS** – Kevin welcomed everyone to our “shelter in place” Zoom meeting. We planned to be in Modoc for this meeting and like many things, it was cancelled due to the shelter in place orders.
  
- 3) **REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES** – Tanja made a motion and Susan seconded to approve the minutes from February 10, 2020 meeting. Approved.
  
- 4) **REPORTS**
  - A) **County Collaborative Updates:**
    - i) **Expect More Tehama** – Kathy wears two hats that often intersect: Workforce Development for Tehama County and EMT. There is a lot of overlap with the two positions. Dr. Eyler has been at all 11 EMT Summits, and gives data that is fantastic and is able to bring it to a local

level. There were 123 participants on Friday for Dr Eyer's Zoom economic forecast. Next Zoom with Dr. Eyer is May 8<sup>th</sup> and all are welcome to join the webinar. Kathy is challenged with the sobering news of high unemployment and local business closures. EMT is looking at how to change the Summer Activity Guide that goes out middle of May and is distributed to schools. On March 13<sup>th</sup> the committee had a meeting to discuss all activities that were planned for summer, then COVID hit. Now, with the help of social media/marketing folks, EMT is responding to the community using social media platforms to push out marketing, like survey for childcare needs of essential workers, free streaming movies about ACES and trauma. EMT is hoping to have a meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to see how summer programs are adjusting. First 5 partnering to promote free webinars that focus on social workers, educators, and families. Continuing with positive messaging like Stay Strong Tehama. Several SEL/Trauma events planned to share ideas of what can be done at home. Maker space activities will be refreshed as home activities. Also, looking at what to do for seniors and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Online workshops for high school seniors like resume writing, career exploration and interviewing. Kathy is proud of the Northstate's response to COVID and feels strongly that we will come out of it with some new skills and new connections.

- ii) **Advancing Modoc Youth** – Tanja reported that Modoc kids are tired of being home and waiting to hear if school will resume. District is very conservative with updates given in two week increments, so hard to make any plans. Juniors are happy about P/NP, especially Spanish 2 students. AMY was able to get 100 hot spots donated and Chromebooks with keyboards to help with AP testing. Biggest drawback is continuing workgroup gatherings, which met during 6<sup>th</sup> period school time – like Little Tykes & high school workgroups. Tanja is working on ways to keep the workgroups motivated. Partnered with First 5 for Ready for K using a text feature. With cash match they are able to expand to 6 and 7 year olds. Working with Pacific Crest Union to write the grant for student savings account, hoping to get all kinders a savings account started that ties to attendance by semester. Every kid has potential of \$200 in savings per year. Middle school focus: looking at 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade transition in partner with Gear UP and FFA. Started freshman academy over the summer – “how to be cool in high school”. This year, with sheltering in place, the summer academy is not possible. Getting creative and producing a video orientation, goodie bags and GearUp will contact each student individually. Offering a freshman guidance class through Dual Enrollment and COS. High School, Christina at COS is working with Tanja to help high schools to create concurrent classes with high school teacher having access to Canvas account. Additional student support is provided by scheduling Zoom meetings with college teacher. Overall, these classes will look more like a lab class. Also, working on Public Safety course with BLM, Department of Forestry and Emergency Services. Contacted these

organizations because they are professionals in the field that are qualified to teach classes through COS. Christina is working on MOU's for this type of instruction. The plan is for students to receive about 12 certifications in the course of a year. Big undertaking but have the people and energy to launch possibly in the Fall. Lastly, Tanja reached out to Tule Lake and is collaborating with new Counselor. Tule Lake is possibly interested in internship, like Modoc High. Regional COVID response varies: in Alturas, starting to see people wearing masks. In Surprise Valley, things are relatively normal.

- iii) **Reach Higher Shasta** – Hope reports there is not a whole lot going on, because RHS is very event driven in the spring time. Many events were cancelled including: KinderCollege at Simpson University, RHS Spring Retreat, College and Career signing day. RHS Executive Committee consists of many folks from Public Health and Superintendents, so there will be a delay in meeting until things settle down from COVID. Hope is waiting to hear if summer programs will be offered. Presently, Hope continues to work on admin and organizational items.
  
- iv) **Cradle to Careers for Siskiyou** – Both Marian and Christina are available to report. Marian reported that C2C4S met via Zoom effectively. Marian asked about the June 8<sup>th</sup> NSTAB meeting that C2C4S will be virtually hosting; NST will send out Zoom invite and Marian will forward the invite to their constituents. All Siskiyou county K-12 schools (includes private and charters) are closed for physical classes this academic year, per Superintendent. Marian is part of a group that meets with districts through Zoom Ed Connect. The attendance has been very strong on the Ed Connect calls with about 30 -40 participants that meet on Thursday afternoon to see how to support students. The group has been reviewing data, including GeoLeads data (Becky Love leads workgroup). The C2C4S website will be ready to share in June and includes some Social Emotional information. Had to cancel 8<sup>th</sup> grade day, but was pleased with how local media partners recognized students. Christina is interested in putting together a job description for the coordinator position. Please share your job description for county coordinator with Christina. At COS, initially everything was changing on a daily basis. Had to cancel Police Academy. Looking at how Public Safety classes can resume. College has adapted to moving to online instruction as fast as possible. Engaged with industry partners in April via Zoom, it was a first. Still working on K-12 Dual Enrollment pathways – waiting to see how fall classes will work, staying flexible. Also, September 29<sup>th</sup> is the current scheduled C2C4S launch event. Speaker is Karen Ponder who works with Socio-Emotional care.

v) **Trinity Together Cradle to Career Partnership** – Teckla reports that Trinity Together is working on figuring out new ways and learning new skills that will be beneficial in the long run. Including working more on social media and website, which is critical now. In working closely with Weaverville’s Chamber of Commerce it became apparent that many of the older members (60+) needed help to become tech savvy and taught how to use Zoom. A benefit of being in a virtual world, Teckla was able to easily join a School Board meeting via Zoom. Zoom meetings seem to give greater opportunity for participation. Ana reported on the continued work being done to match Trinity County Alumni with local students. COVID is allowing virtual connections between alumni and students to happen more globally. Many more 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are doing career exploration with Alumni. Ana likes how it expands a sense of community, provides future resources and helps to build relationships. Calling it a pilot program right now as students are voluntarily signing up to participate. Developing 10 minute videos of career explorations. (A recent guest speaker lives in Qatar and does art for the royal family).

B) Other Updates – Kelly shared that at The McConnell Foundation everyone is working remotely. Collaboration is a bit different being remote. The Foundation has chosen 2020 as the year to showcase education related programs and grants. NST and all counties will be featured. NST, Trinity Together and College Options has already been featured in Enjoy magazine, Parent magazine, radio spots and social media. RHS will be next up. Kelly has received great feedback from foundation and others and she is very excited to be showcasing the work you are doing.

Lianne at College Options shared that they are working remotely. Still connecting with students and parents remotely. Lots of questions about what higher ed will look like in the Fall. Concerns about the dorms resembling “on the ground cruise ships”. Helping with FA, especially now that income may have changed. Working with adults to re-train and re-enter the job force. Did a town hall video with Assemblywoman, Megan Dahle’s office, that will be released soon. The video addresses concerns students may have right now. College Option website is being kept current with information from colleges. Scholarship programs and deadlines have been pushed back. Summer scholarship awards have been announced and hoping it is a go for the summer. Students are learning about the new format for AP tests and P/NP grading. Working with FORD foundation to renew grant for Siskiyou. College Options received monetary award from SBA to pay staff over the next few months.

Kevin sent out an employment by county email that gives local context. New unemployment insurance claims have climbed exponentially.

- C) Budget Report – Susan reminded everyone that cash match requests are due June 30th. Susan will setup the Zoom call for Coordinators to meet next month. Tanja asked about cash match and if it needs to be in the operating budget. Yes, it must reflect in your annual budget for auditing purposes.
- D) Research Update – COVID 19 by county, does each county have a list of public WiFi. Tanja shared there are 5 places that offer free WiFi in her region and will email them to Jamie. Kevin shared that Broadband access was a challenge before COVID. Now, it is even more critical. James created and shared a screen of the interactive dashboard map, by census block, of broadband availability in our region. He unchecked satellite, due to latency and cost in our region. When you uncheck wireless (needing line of site from house to tower), then coverage in the Northstate becomes very sparse. Left with cable and DSL. According to FCC, 5 – 20 mbps is needed to effectively work from home. With DSL you are lucky to get 3 -4 mbps; Frontier is unreliable from a connectivity standpoint. Issues are # of people needing all at once the connectivity. James shared that at his house he has tried multiple ways to get good internet. He is turning off satellite internet due to cap on data. The hotspot from the college is getting 20 mbps, because of priority channel. Average consumer is not going to get that. James recommends that we lobby as a community to get better connectivity. The map will help make the argument that we need better connectivity. James foresees that there will be gaps in student learning; not all students have connectivity and knowledge on how to utilize online learning. James encourages everyone to explore the map and hover over areas for more detail and check/uncheck on the right side. Any question, ask James. Kevin emphasized that James is building these maps uniquely for our region. Teckla shared that getting reliable internet will boost economic workforce in Trinity and is something they have been working on. There would be support in Trinity for this type of lobbying effort. Tanja shared that in her area they have DirkNet (fiber optic and wireless) that is a result of a neighbor who has a tower on a hilltop with solar/battery power. Everyone needs a Dirk in their rural/remote regions. Tanja asked what has to happen to build infra-structure. James said putting in towers, direct line of site and it is getting companies to invest in the technology. The need is great for our community and the now the urgency due to COVID. Also, the technology has to be affordable. Kathy

shared that Shasta Beam has been very helpful in her area and James agreed that it is a great local company that is working toward solutions for our region. Next, James created and shared the Chronic Absenteeism chart. Compares the Northstate as a whole within K-12 categories and compares to state level data. At the bottom there is a map to hover over to gather more data. Next, James is working on College and Career Readiness interactive dashboards.

Jamie, shared that we are showcasing counties through NST social media, newsletter and webpage to attract funding and share what counties are doing. Progress reports should include highlights or anything we can showcase. Jamie is liking Constant Contact to help us gather more data on who is viewing our work and who we might reach out to. Jamie shared how ERP is working on stages of recovery from COVID for K-12. She will share the final version of the plan when it is ready. Additionally, Jamie shared the COVID page on the NST website. When COVID hit we were planning to have our Summit that was unfortunately cancelled. As a result, the backbone team quickly switched focus and created a COVID website that is designed as one-stop shop, by region and state. The page also includes links on Data, Mental Health, Event/Trainings and Resource Tabs for Remote Workers, Students, Parents and Businesses. The Event and Trainings tab includes free webinars that can be forwarded to your constituents. Jamie also shared that on Our Latest News tab, there is a link to the article featuring a Trinity teacher. Please send any information to Jamie so we can help you promote it.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS – Next meeting will be the Coordinator Meeting on May 11th at 10am via Zoom. Send Susan your agenda items.
7. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned by Kevin O'Rorke at 11:28 AM.